Mountain Plains Health Consortium (MPHC) ~ At A Glance

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MISSION OF MPHC

Improving the quality of rural health through cooperative initiatives.

MPHC PARTNERS

Health Education Development System, Inc. (HEDS) ①

- Created by SD health care facilities in 1972, incorporated in 1977
- A non-profit, tax-exempt corporation 501 (c)3
- Composed of over 60 dues-paying hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and ambulance programs in SD, WY, NE, MT & MN

VA Employee Education System (VA EES) Cooperative Health Education Program (CHEP) ①②

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- CHEPs authorized, by PL 96-151, to enter into agreements with public and nonprofit entities for the purpose of participating in cooperative health care personnel education programs, and especially targeted to remote areas

Black Hills VA Health Care System ①②

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Indian Health Service (IHS) ②

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- Serves IHS and tribal health programs in the Aberdeen Area and IHS/tribal EMS programs nationwide
- ① HEDS, Inc., VA EES CHEP, and the Black Hills VA formalized their relationship through a MOU in 2002.
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EDUCATIONSERVICES

♦ Satellite Education

Education programs are based on members' needs - 115 programs were provided in FY 2003 Available to approximately 100 downlink sites

♦ Workshops (continuing education)

Education is based on members' needs - 178 continuing education programs were provided in FY 2003 Education is presented primarily throughout a 4-state area - ND, SD, WY, and NE

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Basic and Continuing Education

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♥ Video-Library

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₩ Web Based Service

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